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Covenant spurs changes

Army families benefit from pact made a year ago

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Monday marks the first anniversary of the signing of the Army Family Covenant on Fort Jackson. The signing ceremony itself was a symbolic renewal of the Army's commitment to its families, but the actions that followed had a positive influence on the community.

"The Army Family Covenant is having a major impact on Fort Jackson," said Col. Lillian Dixon, garrison commander. "We have seen an increase in funding in the Child and Youth budget of \$245,000 over last year, and although we don't have final budget approval for the Army Community Services program, we expect a similar increase for these family services programs. We are also receiving two new Child and Youth Development Centers at a cost of \$10 million."

The Army has spent \$1.4 billion on covenant projects in fiscal year 2008, and Fort Jackson has benefitted from the program in several ways.

"Family programs in the Army have had very, very good services," said Carla Atkinson, Army Community Services chief. "The problem has been that we were not fully staffed for all of the services. So what happened as a result of the Army Family Covenant is, Army-wide, family programs got additional staff."

Fort Jackson ACS increased its staff by 10 contractors.

"The covenant allowed us to really do the service to the level that we were supposed to be doing it," Atkinson said.

The extra personnel and financial resources affect all existing services offered by ACS, including personal financial readiness, the Exceptional Family Member Program, victim advocacy, relocation services and employment readiness services.

"It's been excellent. It's brought a focus on family programs and the importance of families," Atkinson said of the Army Family

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Leader File Photo

Fort Jackson leadership sign the Army Family Covenant in November 2007. The covenant, which authorizes additional funds for family-oriented programs, is now one year old.

Native American contributions to be honored at luncheon

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Leader Staff

Dancers from the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina will again be featured during next week's National American Indian Heritage month celebration. The luncheon celebration is scheduled for Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Officers' Club.

"All of the celebrations we have help make people aware of the diverse culture we have in the United States and in the military," said Sgt. 1st Class Connie Courtenay, equal opportunity adviser for the 171st Infantry Brigade.

The guest speaker will be Jimmy Goins, who is the chairman of the Lumbee Tribe. Goins is a Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient.

Courtenay said Goins embodies this year's theme of "Living in Many Worlds."

"Native Americans have had to live in many different worlds simultaneously. They've had to maintain their culture and then transition into military life and then into civilian life," she said. "Mr. Goins is a prime example of someone who has had to live in different roles, and has done it successfully."

Courtenay added that she is interested to hear how Goins was left for dead in Vietnam.



Photo by Susanne Kappler

Second-grade students from C.C. Pinckney Elementary School perform a friendship circle dance with members of the Lumbee tribe at the school's Native American Heritage Month event Nov. 5. Members of several tribes visited the school and informed the students about their heritage.

"I heard a story that he was in a body bag, they thought he was dead. Someone passing by saw movement coming from the bag and ended up saving his life," she said.

From 1st Sgt. Pascal C. Poolaw, the most decorated American Indian Soldier (42 medals and citations), who lost his life in Vietnam, to Pfc. Lori Ann Piestewa, the first U.S. service woman killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom, American Indians have served with, or in, the U.S. military for more than 200 years.

Many tribes were involved in the War of 1812, and Native Americans fought for both sides as auxiliary troops in the Civil War. During World Wars I and II, the military needed a quick and reliable means of protecting radio, telephone and telegraphic messages from enemy intelligence. Since American Indian tribes had their own languages and dialects that few outside the tribes understood, the military used American Indians as code talkers. Many of their languages were not even written down.

The enemy was never able to break the code talkers' communications. For many years, the code talkers' work remained classified. Then on June 18, 2002, Congress passed the Code Talkers Recognition Act to recognize the important role these Soldiers played.

For more information, or to find out how to purchase tickets for the National American Indian Heritage celebration, call 751-7464.

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COMMANDERS' CORNER

From the Commanding General

Hearing critical to the war fighter's survivability



Brig. Gen. May

What's that you're saying? We hear that phrase a great deal these days because hearing loss is a major issue in today's Army. But I have good news to share about a new health care program available here that addresses this often overlooked problem.

For Soldiers, acute hearing is critical in detecting the location and strength of the enemy. Yet its importance to the war fighter is commonly underestimated.

Hearing is the only sense unaffected by darkness or level of alertness. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and spans 360 degrees.

It is used to gain intelligence on the battlefield and is responsible for at least 50 percent of the Soldier's situational aware-

ness, a percentage that increases sharply at night or in limited visual fields.

Despite the importance of hearing, permanent hearing loss is among the top four injuries in our current theaters of operation. The level of exposure to hazardous noise is at its highest rate in 30 years. Seven out of 10 injuries are due to blasts or explosions, with 50 percent resulting in permanent damage to the ear. The potential for acoustic trauma for the Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom Soldier is one in three.

Weapons, tactical vehicles, aircraft and generators all produce noise that can damage hearing, either suddenly or gradually.

It is an injury without symptoms; the inner ear has no sensory nerves. The Soldier feels no pain. While many believe hearing loss results from blown eardrums, the injury goes much deeper.

Nerve endings are actually sheared off by noise energy and do not grow back.

The result is a noise-induced hearing loss that starts in the high pitch region. Injured Soldiers can hear speech, but have difficulty understanding it, especially in the presence of background noise. The consequences can be deadly. Common phrases such as, "get back," and, "attack," in a fire-fight have been confused, with dramatic consequences.

The damage to hearing from noise is irreversible. If hearing loss can be detected early, however, effective intervention strategies can be initiated before it affects performance. This is the primary reason Soldiers are required to complete regular hearing tests. Not to separate a Soldier with hearing loss from service, but to enable the Soldier to perform safely and effectively while preventing further progression of that loss.

Strategies for prevention of hearing loss include emphasis on the consistent use of protective devices and education. Soldiers

must "train as they fight," wearing earplugs while completing the realistic scenarios currently employed. This is a discipline issue and our obligation is to ensure we care for our Soldiers by ensuring we do all we can in training to prevent hearing loss. Operational hearing courses are being provided for all military courses, schools and units by the newly established Fort Jackson Army Hearing Program.

Hearing loss is no longer an inevitable consequence of serving in the military, nor is it a "badge of honor." Our Army did not have effective hearing loss prevention programs when I was a young officer, but we have come a long way in hearing preservation, and we must continue to focus on this area. It provides the war fighter with an edge on the battlefield, one that ultimately increases both survivability and lethality.

For information on operational services or courses, call the Fort Jackson AHP at 751-3110.

Ask the Garrison Commander

Medical board; discharges; spouse scholarships

Q I am an active-duty Soldier attending a MOS Medical Retention Board and want to ensure that I receive a fair hearing. Is the MMRB convening authority authorized to appoint additional non-voting members?

A Yes, in accordance with Army Regulation 600-60, paragraph 4-9(c), dated Feb. 28, the MMRB convening authority is authorized to appoint additional non-voting members to the board to ensure a fair hearing.

Q I am an Army officer considering leaving military service. I received adverse actions during this period of service. What are the types of discharges and character of service I can expect?

A In accordance with Army Regulation 600-8-24 (Officer Transfer and Discharges), paragraph 1-22, when an officer's tour of active duty is terminated due to



Col. Dixon

discharge, retirement or released from active duty, the period of service will be characterized as "Honorable," "General" (Under Honorable Conditions), "Under Other Than Honorable" or "Dishonorable" depending on the circumstances. The character of service will be predicated on the officer's behavior and performance while a member of the Army. Characterization normally will be based on a pattern of behavior and duty performance rather than an isolated incident. However, there are circumstances in which conduct reflected by a single incident may provide the basis of characterization of service.

Q Are there any scholarships available to military spouses?

A The Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program is a need-based education assistance program designed to provide spouses of active duty and retired Soldiers, and widows or widowers of Soldiers who died either

on active duty or in a retired status, and residing in the United States, with financial assistance in pursuing educational goals.

The purpose of the program is to assist spouses/widows(ers) in gaining the education required to allow them to qualify for increased occupational opportunities. This is just one of many scholarships available to military spouses. For more scholarship information, call 751-5256. ACS will sponsor a Scholarships for Military Spouses and Dependent Children Seminar 1-2 p.m., Nov. 19 and Dec. 3 in the Education Center, Room B-206.

Garrison Fact of the Week

During fiscal year 2008, Child, Youth and School Services provided more than \$300,000 of free, reduced-cost or expanded services to the Fort Jackson community delivering on the Army Family Covenant.

To submit questions to "Ask the Garrison Commander," call 751-5442, or e-mail Scott.Nahrwold@conus.army.mil.

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Army, CIS partner for local citizenship services

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When Finance Captain's Career Course student Capt. Michael Kim began the process to help his wife become a U.S. citizen, he did not expect it to be a piece of cake.

But Kim was unprepared for the headaches he experienced while searching for information to help his new wife, a Korean citizen.

"I was kind of lost in the sauce when I first started, so I didn't know where to start," Kim said. "There's a person here who does citizenship, but it's only for Soldiers. It's stressful, especially when you're in school all day."

Fortunately, a partnership between U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the U.S. Armed Forces will soon be implemented, going a long way to prevent the confusion and frustration Soldiers like Kim experience when trying to obtain visa information for their family members.

Miranda Broadus, the Fort Jackson Army Community Services relocation program manager, said the program's goal is to address an area that has not been available on Fort Jackson.

"What the initiative is all about is really providing services for family members," she said.

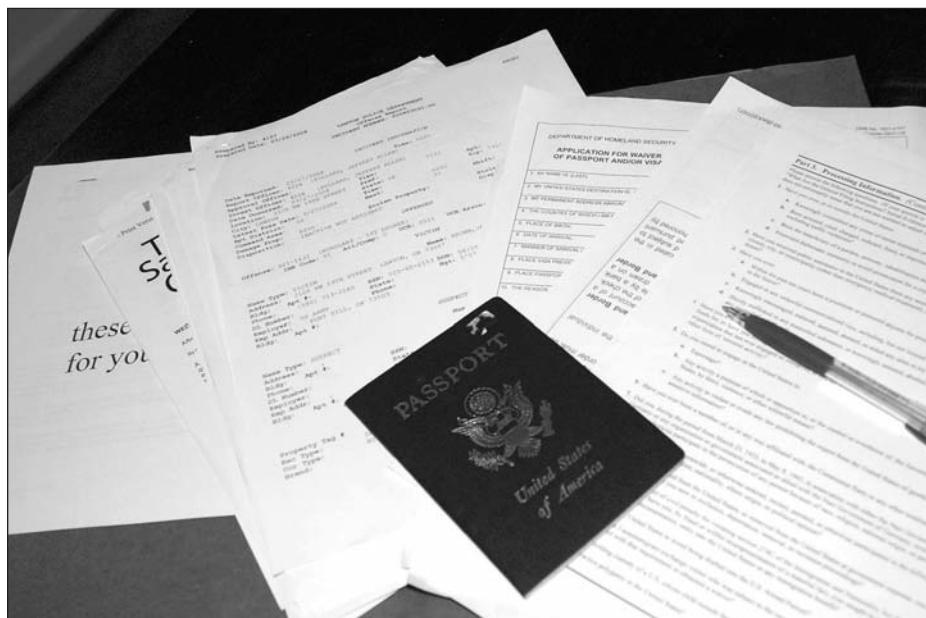


Photo by Crystal Lewis Brown

The Fort Jackson Army Community Services will begin offering on-post U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in December. The new initiative will offer dependent family members help previously offered only to Soldiers.

In the past, family members looking for citizenship information and help had only a toll-free number to call. For those looking for a face-to-face meeting, the closest citizenship office is in Charleston, about an hour and a half away. Both options posed problems for those who realize after hanging up the phone or traveling back to Co-

lumbia that they had forgotten to ask a question, Broadus said.

"The Army and CIS wanted to make this an easy process for families," she said.

The program will offer a class where a CIS representative will go through the citizenship application line-by-line. For those with unique situations or special circum-

stances, this will also be an opportunity to have any questions answered. The services the program will provide can save Soldiers thousands of dollars in lawyer fees by providing the same service for free, Broadus said.

Peggy Young, a human resources assistant with Enlisted Records, said she agrees the program would be beneficial. Young usually assists Soldiers in obtaining their citizenship.

"I have so many Soldiers that, once they become citizens, they ask, 'What about my wife?' or, 'What about my children?'" she said. "It would be like a one-stop issue and it would take a lot of burden off these young Soldiers."

Though the services won't begin in time for Kim to use them — he has decided to wait until his upcoming PCS move to Germany to begin the immigration process for his wife — he thinks it is a necessary service to have on post.

"CIS will definitely be useful," he said. "I wish they'd come a little earlier. Even though I'm not able to use it, I wouldn't want someone else to have to go through what I did."

The first CIS class is scheduled for Dec. 9. For more information, contact ACS at 751-5256.

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Covenant

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Covenant. "It's increased our ability to get out there and improve awareness regarding family programs. It's helped our staff to be innovative and creative now that there are other people on board to share the load. It has been just really tremendous for Fort Jackson and the Army."

ACS was not the only beneficiary of the covenant, though. Child, Youth and School Services can now provide additional services at a lesser cost for families.

As a result of the Army Family Covenant, CYSS eliminated the registration fee for all eligible users, implemented free respite care for certain groups and expanded the service hours of its child care facilities.

"With the Army Family Covenant funding, we provided more than \$300,000 of reduced costs or free programs to family members this past year," said Rose Edmond, CYSS chief.

In addition to improving existing services, CYSS has also started new programs, such as free transportation to the Youth Services Center for children residing on post, which began this month. Also, programs are being implemented to expand transportation for off-post middle-school and high-school students to the Youth Services Center.

"From my perspective, (the Army Family Covenant) provides a lot of support that Army families did not have in the past. It has allowed us at Fort Jackson to do some things that we have always wanted to do for years, but just could not afford to do," Edmond said. "I think it's been great."

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New GM focuses on customer service

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Improve customer service, continue to expand operations and develop new leaders. Those are the three main goals of the new general manager for Fort Jackson's AAFES operations.

Jason Rosenberg began in the position Nov. 3. He comes to Fort Jackson from Fort Lee, Va., where he also served as the GM.

"I was very excited about the opportunity to come here," Rosenberg said. "This is the seventh largest AAFES exchange in the world. Not only does it encompass Fort Jackson, but Shaw Air Force Base, McCrady Training Center and McEntire Air Force Base as well."

In 2007, the Fort Jackson AAFES operations totaled more than \$2.3 million in sales, and sales for this year are up 11 percent from last year.

Rosenberg has nearly 20 years of experience working for AAFES. He started out as a janitor and has worked his way up through a number of positions in the United States, Europe and Iraq.

Of his main goals, Rosenberg said that improving customer service is at the top of his list.

"I feel that is an area where we have a great opportunity to improve. Some of it is providing better training to our associates, to get them to be more knowledgeable," he said. "One of the pillars of how I do business is that it all starts with customer service. That's what I want to put my stamp on."

Rosenberg said he plans on starting a management academy in March to train and develop new and upcoming managers for AAFES.

Other upgrades Rosenberg plans includes improving the speed of service in the food operations, improving the quality of the food, improving the cleanliness of the facilities and giving customers more choices in merchandise.

"We want to be our customers' first choice. Right now, I don't



Photo by Susanne Kappler

New AAFES General Manager Jason Rosenberg, right, talks with Leatrice Peyton, manager of the Class Six. Rosenberg took over as the GM Nov. 3.

feel that we always are the first choice," he said. "We need to exceed the customer expectations that you see outside the gates. We need to be better than everyone else because of the mission we have. We can't stop anything short of that. We serve the best customers in the world."

Rosenberg admits he has some challenges ahead, but he has a plan that includes short- and long-term goals to raise the level of service.

"The commitment to the Fort Jackson customers from this day forward is that we will strive to provide world-class service," he said. "We are going to have clean stores, we are going to have good service — fast service and quality service — we are going to have full shelves, and we are going to be an exciting place to shop."

"Customers will see improvements every week. Within 90 days will be very close to where I want to be and then constantly improving upon that."

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Around Post

FRG Leadership Training

Family Readiness Group Leadership Training is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., today and Friday at Dozier Hall. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Health Benefits Fair

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will host a Health Benefits Information Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday in the Main Post Chapel Activity Room. The health fair will coincide with the health benefits open season, which runs from Monday through Dec. 8. For more information, contact the Fort Jackson CPAC at 751-5834.

Commissary Holiday Hours

The Commissary Thanksgiving holiday operation hours are as follows:

- Nov. 24 — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Nov. 25 — from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Nov. 26 — from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Nov. 27 — Closed Thanksgiving.
- Nov. 28 — from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Nov. 29 — from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

DoD Travel Card Transition

DoD travel cards will transition during the next 30 days. Cardholders should have received and verified receipt of the new Citibank cards. The Citibank travel card will become effective Nov. 30. Those traveling Nov. 29-30 will need to travel with the Citibank and Bank of America cards. BoA travel cards can be destroyed Nov. 30.

Garrison Holiday Celebration

The Directorate of Information Management is conducting meetings for planning the 2008 Garrison Holiday Celebration at 9 a.m., every Thursday at 3390 Magruder Ave. To volunteer for the planning committee, call 751-5333.

Deploying sailors receive sendoff

Daniel Terrill
Leader Staff

One hundred, sixty-two sailors assigned to replace Soldiers in combat support and service support positions overseas received a formal farewell before departing from the Columbia Metropolitan Airport Saturday.

Deployment locations span from the Middle East to the Horn of Africa and the lengths of tours vary as well. Despite assignments, all the sailors have three things in common — they will have boots on the ground, they completed Task Force Marshall and they did not leave until they were thanked, said Maj. Gen. (Ret.) George Goldsmith, Greater Columbia Commerce Military Affairs chairman and a coordinator of the event.

In January, word got out that troops from different bases fly overseas from Eagle Aviation, a private carrier, upon completing their training at TFM, Goldsmith said. Most of their families cannot attend, so a collaboration of veterans groups began throwing farewell parties in the hangar.

Saturday night those groups showered the sailors with snacks and gifts, families offered comfort and veterans offered advice.

“Gather a group of people fixing to deploy, they’re facing reality,” Goldsmith said.

Reality is something Petty Officer 3rd Class Jamie Garner, 20, said he grasped at Navy Individual Augmentee Combat Training at TFM.

“(NIACT) got us in the mindset of what we would go through and we need to comprehend that we’re going into a war environment and people do die,” said Garner, who deployed to Afghanistan. “Keep your head on a swivel and be ready for anything at any moment.”

Just as the sailors prepare to enter hostile areas, the volunteers prepare for the sendoff. With each class of deploying sailors, the volunteers have one to three days notice to make the party plans, said Staff Sgt. Natasha Ramirez, TFM operations.

Goldsmith said there are an estimated 50 volunteers and each surprise sendoff lasts about three hours.

Although hectic, the volunteers are always there and stay until every last service member leaves, Goldsmith said. This group of sailors did not leave until 12:30 a.m., Sunday.

The sailors attended NIACT because most naval deployments are at sea, not on land, and combat instruction is not an extensive part of the Navy’s basic training. Sailors attend the program to fill in that part of boot camp they did not have, said Sgt. Maj. Scott Ritenour, TFM operations ser-

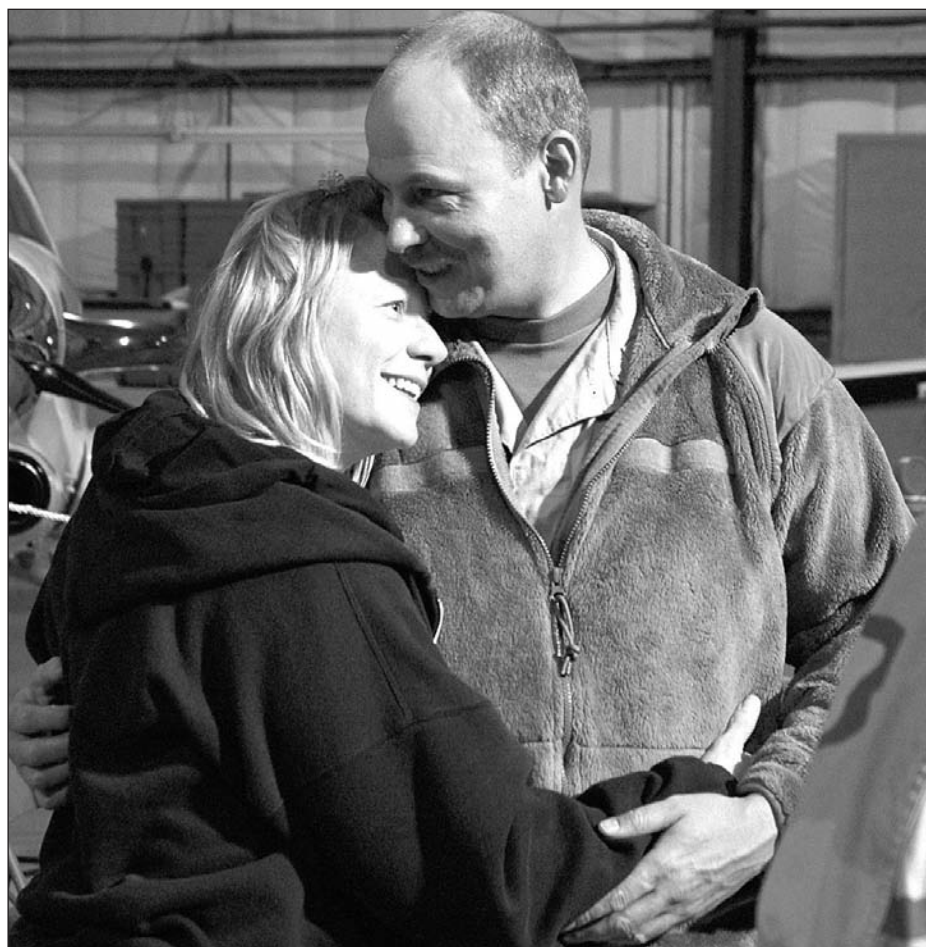


Photo by Daniel Terrill

Janet Dotte, left, and Chief Petty Officer Dana Lyon embrace for the little time they have together at Eagle Aviation before Lyon departs to Al Asad, Iraq, for a year Saturday.

geant major.

The three-week course introduces sailors to Army life. It covers weapons systems like the M-16 assault rifle, M-9 pistol and crew served weapons; the sailors are trained in first aid, urban and convoy operations, Ritenour said. NIACT has been at TFM for three years and trains an average of 4,500 sailors a year.

“We’re giving some of the tools that they need to respond to an adverse situation,” Ritenour said. “We’re not anticipating that they’re being assigned to a unit where they will be on the front lines.”

“When we talk to them we emphasize that they are going to a situation filled by a Soldier,” Goldsmith said about veterans’ advice. “They understand they’re going to an environment totally different than what they’re used to. We talk to them in terms that the training will help.”

For example, most Soldiers ride in a convoy, so the sailors received extensive convoy training that includes entering and exiting vehicles that are under attack, Ritenour said.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Hugo Mancera, 25, who attended NIACT for a second time, described the convoy training to be more in-depth and more hands-on this time around.



The “dang-it doll” is one of the items given to sailors who deploy.

He said his favorite part of the training is the roll over.

“It’s a Humvee simulator. If a Humvee rolls over, you learn how to exit the vehicle. It wasn’t there the last time,” Mancera said. “It rotates 360 degrees and you just escape from it.”

“It feels good (to deploy), it gives the Army people a little more time to relax and lets the Navy go in and help out a bit,” he said.

Mancera deployed to Afghanistan for the second time.

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Customer Service Corner

Community members and leaders across Fort Jackson are encouraged to visit the Customer Management Services Web site, which can be accessed online or from the Fort Jackson home page by scrolling down the left column to Customer Management Services.

The Web site details how CMS is the “voice of the customer” and includes customer service information relevant to constituent groups (Soldiers, family members, retirees, veterans and civilian employees) as well as corporate level users (mission commanders and leaders).

The Web site incorporates each aspect of the CMS three-tier approach to customer feedback. First, there is a link to the Interactive Customer Evaluation comment card system. ICE provides individual feedback to service provider managers and other supporting organizations such as Moncrief Army Community Hospital, Dental Activity, Army and Air Force Exchange Services, commissary and on-post schools.

A community member can click on the ICE logo and rate the agencies that they utilize in terms of appearance, employee/staff attitude, hours of service and timeliness.

Another link on the CMS Web site is Community FIRST, which provides constituent group feedback. The Community FIRST quarterly issue resolution process is an

avenue to submit issues beyond the capability of ICE to the garrison directorates or other supporting organizations. An electronic issue form can be accessed by clicking on the Community FIRST/AFAP logo.

There is a listing of all completed issues categorized by fiscal year, unattainable issues as voted by Installation Action Council members and active issues that are still being worked.

Additionally, the CMS Web site has links to annual corporate and constituent assessments, the most recent of which concluded on Friday. Constituent assessments allow Soldiers, retirees, veterans, family members and civilian employees to rate services from a personal perspective.

Corporate assessments allow mission commanders and leaders to rate the support of garrison functions. The results of the previous year’s assessments are available in a presentation that displays the assessment demographics, results by directorate to include top five areas, and action plan information on improving services.

The results can only be accessed from the Fort Jackson network through the CMS Web site.

In addition to these links, the Web site has “CMS News” along the left column. These articles include updates and

announcements, proceedings from IAC meetings and various focus groups conducted throughout the year, all of which were previously printed in the *Fort Jackson Leader*. There is also a link to descriptions of all service provider areas located across the installation.

To view the status of all Community FIRST issues or to submit a new issue, visit the Customer Management Services Web site at <http://www.jackson.army.mil/WellBeing/wellbeing.htm>.

Click on the “Submit an Issue or Recommendation” link or click on the Community FIRST/AFAP logo to submit an issue. Whether it affects individuals and constituent groups here at Fort Jackson or throughout the Army, feedback is important. Help improve the community by submitting issues and recommendations online.

ICE Appreciation

The garrison congratulates the Defense Military Pay Office, specifically Finance Customer Service Section; and the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. They have achieved a 4.90 and a 4.74 rating, respectively, in employee/staff attitude out of a possible 5.0 for a 12-week period.

Sponsor a spouse to ease PCS transition

Army Community Service

We all know that relocating a family to a new duty station can prove to be mentally and emotionally demanding, not to mention expensive and time consuming.

Army Community Service Outreach Program has initiated a new program, “Sponsor a Spouse,” which will help Fort Jackson’s incoming families deal with some of the stressors associated with relocating.

The Sponsor a Spouse Program will help the spouses of Fort Jackson’s incoming active-duty Soldiers have a successful and smooth transition into the community.

The program’s mission will be to assist the spouse during the permanent change of station transition and to make that spouse feel welcomed. Within the program, specific questions and concerns that the new spouse may have will be addressed by qualified and trained volunteer sponsors assigned to them by the outreach coordinator.

The program is not designed to replace the Total Army Sponsorship Program, which serves active-duty Soldiers, but is instead intended to compliment it.

ACS’s outreach coordinator is asking for the spouses of active-duty Soldier in the

community to participate in this new and exciting initiative, by volunteering to be a sponsor to an incoming spouse.

Each sponsor will be responsible for contacting the incoming spouse, assessing the spouse’s needs, sending the spouse information about the area and assisting that spouse with the settling-in process.

ACS will provide sponsors with the necessary resources (welcome packets and access to phone, e-mail and fax) needed to provide proactive assistance to new spouses and their families.

Each sponsor will receive initial sponsorship and volunteer training as well as annual refresher training. Malissa Welch, outreach program coordinator, emphasizes that being a sponsor does not mean a volunteer has to be an expert on relocation issues; it simply means that he or she has the ability to provide a warm welcome and make the newcomer feel like an important addition to the Fort Jackson family.

For more information on becoming a sponsor spouse or to register to attend the training set for 9-11 a.m., Tuesday, call 751-5458 or visit the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213.

safety always in season

Use common sense when participating in outdoor activities. Always be prepared for the unexpected and do not take unnecessary chances.

safety tips

- Never approach wild animals.
- Pay attention to weather conditions.
- Practice good fire safety.
- Check with campground about security policies.
- Never hike alone, always go with a friend. Tell someone else about your plans.

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The Thanksgiving issue of the *Leader* will be published Nov. 25, which is two days earlier than normal. So that we can meet our deadline, all submissions and announcements for that issue must be turned in by close of business Wednesday by e-mail to fjleader@conus.army.mil.



NEWS

In weak economy, VA loans more attractive option for Soldiers

Crystal Lewis Brown
Leader Staff

In the face of the current economic crisis and an increasingly volatile housing market, many Americans are finding it difficult to buy — and keep — their homes.

In fact, some lenders are making it more difficult to get a mortgage, and those that once approved loans for as little as 3 percent or 5 percent down are now asking for 20 percent. But for service members, one thing that has not changed is one of the Veteran’s Administration’s most widely used benefits — the VA home loan. For many veterans, the VA loan is attractive because it allows for 100 percent financing. Borrowers also avoid paying private mortgage insurance, or PMI, which is normally required when a down payment is less than 20 percent.

This no-down payment option is even more important as conventional and FHA lenders shy away from such loans, says Jessie Jeffries, a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker.

The VA guarantees loans up to \$729,750.

In some instances, clients have gone from being pre-approved for conventional loans with as little as 5 percent down, only to learn later they would need to put 20 percent down, she added.

“If you can use your VA, go ahead and use it,” Jeffries said. “VA is a lot more stringent than conventional, but you don’t have to come up with 10 percent or 20 percent to the underwriter.”

As Americans continue to watch the state of the economy, VA representatives are assuring veterans the loan is still readily available to them.

“VA credit guidelines have not changed because of the credit market turmoil,” reads a statement provided by the VA Loan Guarantee director. “VA guarantees a portion of the loan made by a lender, which minimizes the chance of a loss by the lender. This allows lenders, in most cases, to make loans to qualified veterans without requiring a down payment. This feature represents a significant benefit to veterans.”

The VA loan also offers assistance to borrowers who are having difficulty making mortgage payments.

1st Sgt. Joyce Palmer, of Company B, 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception), is one of those who recently took advantage of her VA loan benefit. The entire process, said Palmer, took only a month from start to finish. Though some complain about the additional paperwork required for a VA loan, Palmer said she did not have any problems.

“With my first home in Tennessee, I went through that,” she said. “(But) two years ago, I worked on my credit so I would be ready to buy a house when I was ready.”

Despite the 100 percent financing guarantee obtained with a VA loan, Palmer said that was not the reason she chose to use it.

“That wasn’t an issue for me because I did put money down,” she said. She made the decision so that her monthly mortgage payment was at a level she found comfortable.



Photo by Crystal Lewis Brown

In the current economic crisis, many service members are taking advantage of the VA guaranteed home loan.

Jeffries said making a down payment even when it is not required is not unusual and those who want to should not shy away from the VA loan. For her part, she said, the VA loan is a great option for Soldiers, and doubts any changes in the economy will make a difference.

“I have not seen a problem with people who said they wanted to use the VA,” she said. “I think the VA will still continue to sail along smoothly.”

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November Promotions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Michael J. Bousselot	MAJ	004 FA Battlefield Co.	John F. Martinez	SFC	Co. F, 1st Bn., 34th Inf. Reg.
Daniel P. Milo	MAJ	HQ, 2nd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.	Wade D. Murphy	SFC	HQ, 1st Bn., 61st Inf. Reg.
Shawn D. Sumter	MAJ	Co. F, 2nd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.	Chauncy I. Nash	SFC	HQ, Co. A, 2nd Bn., 39th Inf. Reg.
Wasiu A. dekunle	CPT	Co. A, Training Support Bn.	Ryan J. O’Conner	SFC	Co. B, Victory Support Bn.
Daniel J. Clinebelle	CPT	Co. E, 2nd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.	Christopher J. Robinson	SFC	Co. E, 3rd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.
Djuan L. Steen	CPT	USA MEDDAC FJ	Richard B. Rodriguez	SFC	Co. F, 1st Bn., 34th Inf. Reg.
James L. Watson	CPT	Co. E, 1st Bn., 61st Inf. Reg.	Constance A. Simmons	SFC	HHC, Training Support Bn.
Sorepa Gallahar	1LT	369th AG Bn.	Cheavlier L. Slaughter	SFC	Co. C, 1st Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.
Russell W. Glass	1LT	Co. C, 3rd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.	Joseph B. Staples	SFC	HHC, Training Support Bn.
Lillian K. Vanpelt	1LT	Co. A, Training Support Bn.	Nikiki L. Stovall	SFC	Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Inf. Reg.
James L. Wilson	1LT	USA Chaplain School	Zamoran C. Thornton	SFC	HHC, Training Support Bn.
Thomas D. Guglielmo	SGM	1/345th EN RGT (TS)	Angel M. Torres	SFC	Co. E, 3rd Bn., 34th Inf. Reg.
Shelia M. Allen	MSG	HHC, Training Support Bn.	Calvin Walker	SFC	HQ, 3rd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.
Prescotte L. Hawkins	MSG	Co. F, 2nd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.	Kandi T. Wilburn	SFC	HQ, 1st Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.
Robert L. Hickson	MSG	Co. E, 369th AG Bn.	Jason W. Yeazel	SFC	Co. B, Victory Support Bn.
William R. Huggins	MSG	Co. D, 1st Bn., 34th Inf. Reg.	Ametzaid Britorustemeyer	SSG	Co. F, 2nd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.
Gillian L. Michel	MSG	USA Chaplain School	Deangelo Coatie	SSG	Co. C, 120th AG Bn. (Reception)
Letrica Y. Wagner	MSG	Co. D, 3rd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.	Guerrero Deleon	SSG	Co. D, 1st Bn., 34th Inf. Reg.
Marcus L. Anderson	SFC	USA Chaplain School	Schlandria Y. Edwards	SSG	NCO Academy
Eric L. Burkes	SFC	Co. E, 2nd Bn., 39th Inf. Reg.	Carolyn Fennell	SSG	HHC, 165th Inf. Bde.
Christopher L. Cavitt	SFC	HHD 193rd Inf. Bde.	Vincent E. Krake	SSG	Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Inf. Reg.
Patrick J. Colborn	SFC	Co. B, 2nd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.	Kershunda L. Nedd	SSG	Drill Sergeant School
Robert A. Cooper	SFC	Co. C, 1st Bn., 61st Inf. Reg.	Angela N. Wasson	SSG	Co. A, Victory Support Bn.
Davone L. Crump	SFC	Co. D, 3rd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.	Sheree L. Brown	SGT	Co. C, 2nd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.
Eartha J. Degannes	SFC	HQ, Co. A, 369th AG Bn.	David B. Downey	SGT	HQ, 2nd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.
Michael S. Dinkel	SFC	Co. C, 2nd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.	Johnathan Howington	SGT	HQ, 1st Bn., 61st Inf. Reg.
Kironi A. Dugar	SFC	HQ, Co. A, 369th AG Bn.	Stavius Jenkins	SGT	784th EOD
Ivan Echavarria	SFC	Co. F, 120th AG Bn. (Reception)	Christy A. Maples	SGT	USA MEDDAC FJ
Anthony L. Gatewood	SFC	HHC, 187th Ord. Bn.	Jason H. Marts	SGT	Co. B, 3rd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.
Richard P. Hatt	SFC	Co. B, Victory Support Bn.	Nicole M. Mason	SGT	HHC, 165th Inf. Bde.
Richard S. Hunt	SFC	Co. C, 187th Ord. Bn.	Victor M. Moraleslopez	SGT	Co. C, 2nd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.
Sarah E. Jeansimon	SFC	HHC, Training Support Bn.	Gabriel T. Pimentel	SGT	Co. E, 3rd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.
Warren T. Jones	SFC	Co. A, 3rd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.	Kimberly J. Rodgers	SGT	Co. C, 1st Bn., 61st Inf. Reg.
James R. Lee	SFC	Co. C, 1st Bn., 61st Inf. Reg.	Victor Valentinfernandez	SGT	Co. C, 1st Bn., 61st Inf. Reg.
Kim Lofton	SFC	USA Chaplain School	Jamal A. Woods	SGT	HHC, 165th Inf. Bde.

ARMY NEWS

Dwell time expected to increase by 12 months

Dave Melancon

U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — Soldiers and their families can expect to spend more time together between deployments thanks to continuing success in Iraq and the steady growth of the Army's ranks, the service's top officer said.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. visited with Soldiers and family members of U.S. Army Europe's 172nd Infantry Brigade in Germany recently. During a series of three roundtable discussions and a lunchtime meeting with the brigade's officers, noncommissioned officers, Soldiers and Family Readiness Group leaders, he said dwell time — the amount of time a Soldier or unit remains at home station between deployments — will grow from 12 months to 24 throughout the next three years.

"As the demand for our forces stays at what it is now, we are growing the Army by about 75,000 (Soldiers) between now and 2010, and we will gradually add more units," Casey said. "So because of the growth and the demand being held steady, the time that Soldiers stay home between deployments gradually increases."

Dwell time is expected to increase from 18 months in 2009 to 24 months in 2011, he said.

Casey said the increase in troop strength will be completed by 2011. At that point, about 15 brigades will be prepared to fight irregular conflicts and 14 more trained for other missions.

About 80 percent of the Army's brigades have been converted to modular formations in the largest organizational change the Army has seen since World War II, Casey told junior officers and senior NCOs. These modular units are trading their Cold War-era skills for those needed for 21st-century conflicts ranging from conventional battle to asymmetric warfare.

The effects of continuous deployments accumulate and are wearing Soldiers and their families down, the general said.

"We've got to give our folks more time at home so they can fully recover from the repeated deployments," Casey said.

Units also benefit from longer times between deployments, he added, because leaders have more time to train their Soldiers to fight in conventional and unconventional warfare.

Units with a dwell time of 18 months or less should continue to train for the unconventional fight, Casey said. Units with more than 18 months at home station should enhance their conventional warfare skills.



Photo by Dave Melancon, U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs

Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. discusses trends for future deployments and the Army's structure with officers and noncommissioned officers of U.S. Army Europe's 172nd Infantry Brigade during an informal meeting in the unit's headquarters in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

"We have to build that depth into our force so we can truly operate across the spectrum of conflicts," he said.

The change in dwell time is one part of bringing the Army back into balance, Casey said.

"We are deploying at a pace that we cannot sustain either from the standpoint of sustaining the all-volunteer force or the strategic flexibility to do other things," he said. "So last year we started a program that would put us back into balance."

The program will take about four years to complete, Casey explained. The Army has to continue to support, sustain and care for its Soldiers and families as it prepares, trains and equips units to fight in current and future conflicts — all while continuing to transform the force.

Casey pledged that the Army will continue its commitment to the Army Family Covenant, noting that funding for family programs will increase to \$1.7 billion in fiscal year 2009.

Casey said he wanted to observe how the 172nd has prepared for its upcoming deployment to Iraq with only 12 months to get trained and ready.

"I am very impressed with (how) the leaders, the Soldiers and the families are dealing with a difficult thing," he

said. "I am very proud of the commitment that I see in the eyes of everybody I have talked to. They believe in what they are doing and they are going to make a difference."

Casey also discussed issues concerning medical care for Soldiers and their families, the possibility of bonus payments to Soldiers whose tours of duty are extended under the Army's "stop-loss" program, difficulties faced by some family members in obtaining USAREUR licenses and mental health programs for Soldiers and family members.

As he prepared to join several junior enlisted Soldiers for a meeting, Casey praised leaders throughout USAREUR for putting in the "the extra effort that it takes to hold things together" in an overseas environment.

"It is always a little harder when you are outside of the United States to do things," he said.

"I believe the command is very focused on ensuring they have the support that they need. I certainly saw it in spades as I went around today."

During his stay in Europe, Casey will also meet with leaders of the new U.S. Africa Command and discuss combined operations with senior European military leaders during the annual Conference of European Armies in Heidelberg, Germany.

Movie contest aims to promote peer safety message



Staff Report

U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

FORT RUCKER, Ala. — With the launch of the peer-to-peer video competition, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center hopes to harness the power of peer influence to help prevent accidents and save lives.

The competition tagline, "Make a movie — save a life," challenges Soldiers to personalize safety messaging by creating short videos that promote off-duty safety awareness. The goal is to have Soldiers create safety messages that speak directly to their peers.

Entrants post their video on any social networking site and send a link to USACRC

to submit their video for consideration. Videos should effectively convey ways to safely conduct off-duty activities and a humorous slant is encouraged.

"So much of what we accomplish in safety is considered boring by most," said USACRC Command Sgt. Maj. Tod Glidewell.

"Today's Soldier is tech savvy and digital communication literate. Peer-to-Peer allows Soldiers to use their creativity to communicate safety information they way they want to hear it."

Peer-to-Peer puts safety into the hands of Soldiers and provides a venue to share tips, lessons learned and best practices. Most Soldiers have a favorite "There I was" story

and the video medium will allow them to share the benefit of their experience with an Army-wide audience.

"The battle buddy mindset has kept many a Soldier from harm," said Dr. Patricia Le Duc, director, Human Factors Task Force. "This competition capitalizes on the power of peer influence, and extends its reach exponentially through the Web."

The contest runs through March 31 and is open to all military ID card holders including Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers.

Visit the Peer-to-Peer Web page at <https://crc.army.mil/videocompetition> for promotional materials, official rules and a sample peer safety video.

Army Family Covenant Update

CYSS offers complimentary on, off-post transportation

Theresa O’Hagan
Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

As part of Child, Youth and Schools Services commitment to the Army Family Covenant, CYSS is offering transportation for after-school activities from on-post housing to the Middle School After School Program at 5615 Hood St., and to the Youth Services Center at 5975 Chesnut Road on a 120-day trial basis.

CYSS began offering the transportation services Nov. 5.

In addition, CYSS will provide transportation from E.L. Wright Middle School and Summit Parkway Middle School to the Middle School After School Program, Mondays through Fridays, at no cost for eligible users.

Transportation from Spring Valley High School and Ridgeview High School to the Youth Services Center will be provided Tuesdays through Fridays.

Parents will need to sign a transportation agreement to allow transportation for their children.

Transportation agreements will be available at the Youth Services Center or in the CYSS Central Enrollment Office.

Children must be registered with CYSS to use transportation. The CYSS registration fee is waived for all eligible users as a benefit of the Army Family Covenant.

On-post schedule
Monday through Friday:
3:30 p.m. — Harbin Court and Parker Lane
3:35 p.m. — Shoup Court and Carter Road
3:40 p.m. — Furman Smith Road and Knight Avenue
3:45 p.m. — Middle School Program, 5615 Hood St.
3:50 p.m. — Owens and Mills roads
3:55 p.m. — Youth Center at 5975 Chesnut Road
4 p.m. — Middle School Program, 5615 Hood St.
5:55 p.m. — Middle School Program, 5615 Hood St.
6 p.m. — Shoup Court and Carter Road
6:05 p.m. — Youth Services Center at 5975 Chesnut Road
6:10 p.m. — Harbin Court and Parker Lane
6:15 p.m. — Owens and Mills roads
6:20 p.m. — Furman Smith Road and Knight Avenue
6:25 p.m. — Youth Services Center, 5975 Chesnut Road


8:05 p.m. — Harbin Court and Parker Lane
8:10 p.m. — Owens and Mills roads
8:15 p.m. — Furman Smith Road and Knight Avenue
8:20 p.m. — Shoup Court and Carter Road

Off-post middle school schedule
Monday-Friday:
2:20 p.m. — Summit Parkway Middle School
2:45 p.m. — E. L. Wright Middle School
Middle School Program at 5615 Hood St.

Off-post high school schedule
Tuesday-Friday:
3:40 p.m. — Ridgeview High School
4 p.m. — Spring Valley High School
Youth Services Center

Off-post middle school and high school students will leave the Youth Services Center at 8:25 p.m. to be returned to their home address. Actual arrival at home will depend on the number of students participating.

For more information, call 751-3977.



Today

Southern Style Lunch Buffet, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers’ Club. The buffet is open to the public.

Visit **Century Lanes** for food, fun and bowling.

Magruders Pub is open for lunch for family members from noon to 4 p.m., Thursdays.

Friday

Play **Victory Bingo** and win prizes up to \$15,000. There are guaranteed \$50 payouts.

Artistic Expression with Jake begins 6:30 p.m. at the Youth Center Teen Room.

Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at **Magruders Club** from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. The club is located in the back of Magruders Pub, and the cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians.

Visit Magruders Pub and the NCO Club for **HOOAH Happy Hour** every Friday, 5-7 p.m.

Every Friday is **Fish Fry Friday** at the Officers’ Club, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch at the Officers’ Club is open to everyone.

Saturday

Step Team practice begins 2 p.m. at the Youth Center Dance Room.

The NCO Club presents **Classic Soul Saturday** from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Excalibur Room. The cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians. Live broadcasts from the BIG DM 101.3 with giveaways between 9:30-11 p.m.

Sunday

Come to **brunch** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers’ Club.

Enjoy **Family Day at the Youth Center**, 2-6 p.m.

Monday

The NCO Club presents a **full lunch buffet**, featuring fried chicken or fish, fresh vegetables, a full salad bar, soup, assorted desserts and a beverage from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. for \$7.

Tuesday

Movie Night begins 6 p.m. at the Youth Center in the Teen Room.

Enjoy **free movies** every Tuesday at Magruders Pub.

The **Partnerships in Education** quarterly meeting, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers’ Club.

Wednesday

Be a sensation with **Karaoke with Tom Marable** at **Magruders Club** at

7:30 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians.

The **Information Exchange Council** will meet 9 a.m. at the Post Conference Room.

Ongoing Offers

- The **NCO Club lunch buffet** is served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., daily. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.75 for children.
- The **NCO Club breakfast** is served 6-9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.75 for children 4-10 years old.
- The **Officers’ Club specializes in catering** wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions.
- The **NCO Club caters** to all your needs: dining in, dining out, promotions, breakfasts, meetings, birthdays, weddings, graduation, retirements and other special occasions.
- **Victory Travel** has special offers for a variety of dinner shows and attractions. Currently offered are discounted tickets to Carowinds, \$28 per ticket, and Six Flags, \$27 per ticket, for the 2008 season. Some offers require reservations. For more information, visit Victory Travel in the MG Robert B. Solomon Center.
- **Child, Youth and School Services** provides child care and youth program-

ming on Saturdays at no cost for active duty parents who must work to meet mission requirements and for National Guard and Reserve Soldiers during Battle Training Assembly. Care is offered from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. at multiple locations.

For more information about:

- Registration, call 751-4865.
- Six weeks-kindergarten, call 751-6221/6230.
- Grades 1-5, call 751-1136/6387.
- Grades 6-12, call 751-3977/6387.
- Child Development Home serving children between 6 weeks and 12 years old, call 751-7169/7170.
- Enjoy resort accommodations for two to six people for less than one would pay for most hotels with the **Armed Forces Vacation Club**. For details of resort availability, call the reservation center at (800) 724-9988. Be sure to say you are a first-time Armed Forces vacation caller. A vacation counselor will take your enrollment and help you find an available resort. Fort Jackson is Installation No.164.
- **Child care** fees are based on total family income (not rank or grade). Care during duty hours is work-related, so fees are based on a family’s ability to pay a fair share. The Army makes no profit, but funds the difference in what is paid and the actual cost of child care. For more information, call 751-4865.

Building community resilience at Army posts

Anna F. Courie
U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine

Soldiers and their family members at Army installations in the continental United States may benefit from a health and well-being initiative from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

The health and well-being of Soldiers and family members has been designated an integral aspect of the Army's mission by Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr.

Health and well-being includes all aspects of mental, physical, spiritual and material wellness. CHPPM plays a crucial role in ensuring that these aspects of quality of life are addressed as a part of the garrison and tactical strategic plan.

We often consider health to be solely the responsibility of medical personnel; however, when combining assets among medical, garrison and tactical personnel, we are better able to create a multidisciplinary effort that supports the health and resiliency of Army communities. CHPPM Health Promotion and Wellness Program staff members coordinate and facilitate this effort.

Health is an essential component of operational readiness in the field and on the homefront. CHPPM's initiative addresses all aspects of Soldier and family member wellness. It incorporates processes into the way the installation does business to ensure a holistic and multidisciplinary effort.

Based on CHPPM Europe's health promotion and wellness model, Army regulation 600-63, Army Health Promotion, is executed through the instal-

lation Health Promotion and Well Being Council, chaired by the installation commander and facilitated by a local health promotion coordinator. Through data-driven tools, customer feedback assessments and a multidisciplinary forum, the council ensures the needs of the community are met. As a result, this process integrates tactical, medical and community assets toward the improvement of Soldier and family member well-being.

Now, at select CONUS installations, CHPPM is replicating this model. In CONUS, the health promotion program is partnering with community resiliency initiatives to actually score a community's level of wellness.

To facilitate action-oriented processes, the council implements working groups to focus on the needs identified for community wellness. Different working groups that have been implemented by HPWB councils include combat and operation stress control teams, suicide prevention task forces, fitness and weight management, youth wellness, deployment cycle support and strategic planning.

The key to the function of the working groups is this umbrella of the HPWB council, which brings all subject-matter experts from across all commands to the same table to prepare action plans that best meet the needs of the Army family.

As a result, installation partnerships are built that enhance and strengthen the resiliency of these Army communities. Through strong communities, we are ensuring that the resources are in place for strong Soldiers and strong families ready at any time to execute the Army mission.

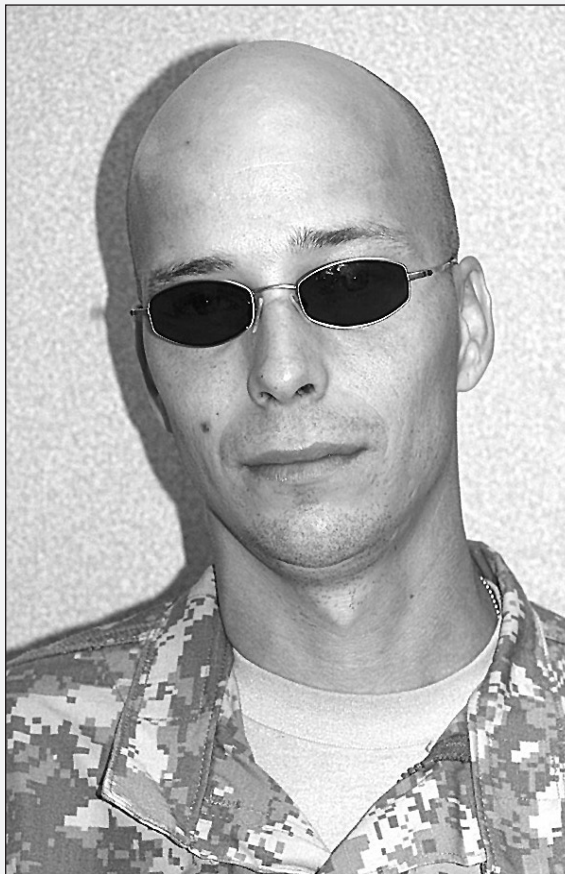
Vaccine Shortage

Moncrief Army Community Hospital has been unable to acquire injectable flu vaccine approved for patients 4 to 18 years old. Pediatric Clinic staff is able to immunize children up to age 3 using vaccine approved for children only up to 3 years old. The clinic is open 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Family Health Clinic. At the commissary flu drive, injectable vaccine is available for patients 18 and older. The Flumist is also available, which is for children and adolescents not immunized in the Pediatric Clinic (4-18 years of age). However patients ineligible for Flumist must wait until we are able to acquire age-appropriate vaccine. The commissary Flu drive is for all ID cardholders from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 15, 19, 22 and Dec. 3 and 6. For more information call 751-0516.

New number for cancelling appointments

A new phone number allows MACH patients to cancel appointments after hours. For after-hours cancellations, call 751-2904. During duty hours, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., call 751-CARE (3723) to cancel an appointment.

Warrior Spotlight



Soldier: Spc. Chase Brown, 33
MOS: 11B, Infantry
Hometown: Columbia, S.C.
Marital Status: Married
Children: Two daughters, 5 and 11
Hobbies: Spending time with his wife and children

Now assigned to the Fort Jackson Warrior Transition Unit, Spc. Chase Brown was deployed with the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry "Blue Spak-ers" in Adahmyia, Iraq. He received a Purple Heart when he sustained injuries to most of his body from a hand grenade. He is working on rehabilitating and healing.

Thank you for your service.

32 years of service



Photo by Nichole Riley, MACH

Christine Chapman is retiring after 32 years of service. In 1976, Chapman started working at the Directorate of Industrial Operations at Fort Jackson. In 1983, she was assigned to the Resource Management Division at the hospital.

MACH Soldier of the Quarter



Photo by Nichole Riley, MACH

Spc. Oscar Ortega is the Moncrief Army Community Hospital Soldier of the Quarter for October.

Health Talks

To have a professional staff member from MEDDAC address a group on health care subjects or preventive medicine, call the health promotion coordinator at 751-5035 or the Department of Quality Management at 751-2501.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Have a Community Announcement?

Community submissions to the Leader should be typed, no more than 45 words, and should include: who (is affected or involved), what (it is), when (it occurs, including time and date), where (it is taking place), and a why if necessary. Normally, items must be submitted to the Leader by noon, Monday. For the Thanksgiving edition of the Leader published on Nov. 25, the deadline will be Nov. 19. The Leader reserves the right to edit announcements for style, grammar and to fit the space. To submit an announcement to the Leader, e-mail it to FJLeader@conus.army.mil

This Week

EFMP Support Group

The EFMP Sibling Support Group meets 5 p.m., today at 5616 Hood St., Room 10. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Balfour Beatty Food Drive

Balfour Beatty will accept canned goods donations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., today at the community office.

Personal Financial Planning

A Personal Financial Planning class is scheduled for 8:30-10:30 a.m., today in the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

AFTB Level I Training

An Army Family Team Building Level I class is set from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., today and Friday, in the Joe E. Mann Center. For more information or to register, call 751-6315 or e-mail Angela.Crosland@conus.army.mil.

Sergeants Major Association

The Fort Jackson chapter of the Sergeants Major Association will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday at the NCO Club, Excalibur Room. The meeting is open to all active-duty and retired sergeants major. For more information, call 751-8349.

Pre-Thanksgiving Social

A Hearts Apart Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck Social is scheduled for 6-8 p.m., Friday at the Main Post Chapel. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

World War I Symposium

The South Carolina Confederate Relic

Room and Military Museum will host a World War I military history symposium Saturday. For more information and to register, visit <http://ccr.sc.gov/events/wwI>.

Homemade Bread Day

Balfour Beatty residents are invited to stop by the community office 9-11 a.m., Monday to exchange bread recipes and drink apple cider.

Daniel Circle Chapel Revival

The Daniel Circle Chapel 2008 Fall Revival is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The revival's theme is "What happens when God's people pray." For more information, call 751-1297.

Spouse Sponsorship Training

Spouse Sponsorship Training is set for 9-11 a.m., Tuesday in the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213. For more information or to register, call 751-5458.

Job Interview/Salary Negotiation

A Job Interview/Salary Negotiation Skills class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday at the Education Center, Room B-206. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Hearts Apart

A Hearts Apart committee meeting is scheduled for 10-11 a.m., Tuesday at the Red Cross Conference Room. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Managing Children Under Stress

A Managing Children When Under Stress class is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday at 5616 Hood St., Room 10. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Using Credit Wisely

A Using Credit Wisely class is scheduled for 1:30-3:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

EFMP Thanksgiving Dinner

An EFMP Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for 5 p.m., Tuesday in the Main Post Activity Room. For more information

or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Financial Readiness Class

A Financial Readiness for First Termers class is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday in the Education Center, Room B-302. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Steps to Federal Employment

A Steps to Federal Employment class is scheduled for 8:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesday in the Education Center, Room B-206. The next workshop will be Dec. 10. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Child Abuse Awareness

A Child Abuse Awareness class is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday at 5616 Hood St., Room 10. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Military Spouse and Dependent Children Scholarship Seminar

A Military Spouse and Dependent Children Scholarship Seminar is scheduled for 1-2 p.m., Wednesday in the Education Center, Room B-206. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Phase II Levy Briefing

A Phase II Levy Briefing is scheduled for 2:30-3:30 p.m., Wednesday in the Strom Thurmond Building. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

Living in Many Worlds

Living in Many Worlds, a National American Indian Heritage Month event, is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday at the Officers' Club. Tickets are \$9.25.

For more information, contact the brigade equal opportunity adviser, unit representative or the Installation EO staff office.

Families of the Year

Fort Jackson's Families of the Year will be honored in a ceremony beginning 4:30 p.m., Wednesday at the MG Robert B. Solomon Center. For more information, call 751-5333.

Need a friend?



Photos by Carrie David Ford and Susanne Kappler

These pets need a home, from top: 4-month-old black kittens, 1-year-old female cat, 5-year-old German shepherd mix and 5-month-old female cat. For information on these or other pets for adoption, call the Veterinary Clinic at 751-7160.

Fort Jackson Dining Facilities Thanksgiving Meal Schedule

Unit	Bldg	Meal Times
2nd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.	12000	11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
2nd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.	11000	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
1st Bn., 34th Inf. Reg.	5500	11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
2nd Bn., 39th Inf. Reg.	10401	11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
3rd Bn., 13th Inf. Reg.	5422	11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
3rd Bn., 60th Inf. Reg.	5482	11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
187th Ord. Bn.	2260	11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
369th AG Bn.	2230	noon to 3 p.m.
*120th AG Bn.	1875	11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

***Editor's Note:** 120th Adjutant General Battalion is desig-

nated for retirees and guests of military ID card holders not assigned to a unit. Meal time for retirees and guests is 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Holiday meals (for all diners)

3rd Bn., 34th Inf. Reg. 10791 4-7 p.m., Nov. 26
1st Bn., 13th Inf. Reg. 4420 noon to 3 p.m., Nov. 26
** Holiday Meal Rates are \$ 6.35 (standard) and \$5.40 (discount). The discount rate is for spouses and dependents of enlisted personnel in pay grades E-1 through E-4. All others use the standard rate. For information call 751-4015/5556.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Upcoming

Merry Fitness Extravaganza

The Merry Fitness Extravaganza is scheduled for 4:30-8 p.m., Dec. 2 at the Solomon Center special events area.

Employment Readiness Orientation

Employment Readiness Program Orientation is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Dec. 3, at the Education Center, Room B-206. For more information or to register, call 751-5452.

Teen Employment Workshop

A Teen Employment Workshop: How to Complete Job Applications is scheduled for 1:30-2:30 p.m., Dec. 6, at the Youth Center. For more information or to register, call 751-5452.

Starting and Running a Small Business

A seminar on how to set up and run a small business is scheduled for 1:30-3:30 p.m., Dec. 10 in the Education Center, Room B-205. For more information or to register, call 751-5452.

Announcements

Career Assessment

ACS is offering online career assessments. To schedule an individual appointment, call 751-5452.

Spouse Overseas Employment

Individual appointments are available for Spouse Overseas Employment Orientation. For more information, call 751-5452.

Reserve Recruiting

The 1st Battle Command Training Group in Birmingham, Ala., has openings for Soldiers of all military occupational specialties in the rank of sergeant first class through lieutenant colonel. For more information, call (205) 987-8443 or e-mail Larry.Kingsr@usar.army.mil.

DeCA Scholarship Applications

The Defense Commissary Agency is now accepting applications for its 2009 Scholarships for Military Children Program. Scholarship applications are available in commissaries or online at <https://www.commissaries.com> or <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. The deadline for applications is Feb. 18.

208th RSC Vacancies

The 208th Regional Support Group, an Army Reserve logistical unit, has vacancies in all military occupational specialties in the rank of sergeant to lieutenant colonel. For more information, call 751-9724 or e-mail Glenn.Baker@usar.army.mil.

Notice of Availability

Public input and comments on Fort Jackson's proposed Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan and Environmental Assessment are being accepted for the next 30 days. The final draft may be viewed at the Richland County Public Library, Cooper Branch, or the Thomas Lee Hall Post Library. For more information, call 751-7153.

Turkey Raffle

Balfour Beatty Communities is now accepting entries to the Turkey Raffle for a chance to win a Thanksgiving basket. The winner will be picked Tuesday. For more

Recurring Meetings

Weekly

Walking Away Stress meets at 9 a.m., Mondays and Fridays at the pecan orchard near the post office on Early Street. For a walking log or more information, call 751-6325.

Play Group meets 10-11:30 a.m., Mondays at 5953C Parker Lane. For more information, call 751-5256/6325.

Range Control Briefing is held at 1 p.m., Mondays and Fridays at the Education Center, Room 302. For more information, call 751-7171.

Columbia Composite Squadron (Civil Air Patrol) meets at 6:30 p.m., Mondays at Columbia's downtown airport, Owens Field, main conference room. For more information, e-mail tom.alsup@gmail.com or visit online at www.scwg.cap.gov.

Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength meets 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, seventh floor. It is open to combat veterans and their family members. For more information, call 751-2160/2183.

Medical Board Office is closed from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., every Thursday. For information, call 751-0359/7152/7318.

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Homeschoolers are welcome and evening studies are available. Free child care is available. For information, e-mail pwocjackson@yahoo.com.

Overseas Travel Clinic is held from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Fridays. For more information, call 751-5151.

Military Widows/Widowers Association meets at 2 p.m., Sundays at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, eighth floor. For more information, call 787-2469.

Monthly

The Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m., the second Sunday of the month at 534 S. Beltline Blvd. Call 782-5943 or 782-0148 for more information.

Weight Loss Surgery Support Group meets at noon the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Weight Management Center, 180 Laurel Street, Columbia. The group also meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Palmetto Health Baptist Breast Health Center, 1501 Sumter St., Ground Level, Meeting Room 2, Columbia.

Seabees meet at 7 p.m., the second Monday of the month at the West Metro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. Call 755-7792, 736-0841 or 755-0300 for more information.

Veterans of Foreign Wars meet at 7:30 p.m., the second Monday of the month at 534 S. Beltline Blvd. Call 782-5943 or 782-0148 for more information.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets at 11:30 a.m., the first Tuesday of the month at the Post Conference Room www.jackson.army.mil/360/SAMC/home.htm.

American Legion Post #182 meets at 7 p.m., the first Tuesday of the month at the Officers' Club. For information, call 351-2333.

Disabled American Veterans meet 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at 511 Violet St., West Columbia. For information, call 796-7122.

Fleet Reserve Association Unit 202 meets at 1 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month at 2620 Lee Road. For more information, call 482-4456.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303 meets at 7 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month at American Legions Post 6, 200 Pickens Street. For more information, call 312-4895.

Purple Heart #402 meets at 7 p.m., the fourth Tuesday of the month at the American Legion Post #6 on Pickens Street. For information, call 351-2333.

American Red Cross new adult volunteers orientation is the third Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon at building 2179 on Sumter Ave. For more information, call 571-4329.

"Victory Riders" Motorcycle Club meets at 5 p.m., the first and third Thursdays of the month at Magruder's Club. For information, e-mail sec@fjvictoryriders.com.

Society of American Military Engineers meets 11:30 a.m., the fourth Thursday of the month. For information, call 254-0518 or 765-0320.

MEDPROS training will be held 1-4 p.m., the third Friday of the month at the hospital, Room 9-83. For more information or to register, e-mail Jaclyne.Smith@amedd.army.mil.

Retired Enlisted Association meets at 5:30 p.m., the third Friday of the month at the hospital, third floor. For information, call 740-2319 or e-mail jrodgers11@sc.rr.com.

92nd Buffalo Chapter 20 DAV meets at 11 a.m., the third Saturday of the month, except July and August, at the DAV Headquarters 511 Violet St., West Columbia. For information, call 260-1067.

U.S. Navy Sea Cadets, for 11-18 year olds, meet the third weekend of the month. For information, call 622-8707.

Fort Jackson Spouses' Club meets monthly. Visit their Web site, www.fortjacksonspousesclub.com, for more information about upcoming meetings and events, or contact the group at Ft.JacksonSpousesclub@yahoo.com.

To submit a recurring meeting, e-mail the name of the group, when and where the meeting takes place and contact information to fjleader@conus.army.mil.

information, call 739-8275.

African American History Month Recognition Awards

DoD is seeking nominations for its African American History Month Recognition Awards. The awards honor service members who have supported the Global War on Terror, demonstrated role model qualities and personified the core values of their military service between February

2007 and February 2008.

Nominations are due Friday. For more information on how to submit a nomination, call 751-4916/2990 or e-mail Janeen.Simmons@conus.army.mil.

Individual Resume Class

The Employment Readiness Program is offering Resume Writing for Beginners individual classes. Call 751-5452 for more information.

Sun shines on Columbia's annual Veterans Day parade

Carrie David Ford
Editor

Hundreds of spectators turned out Tuesday to honor veterans during the 2008 Columbia Veterans Day Parade.

About 1,200 Fort Jackson Soldiers participated in the parade, which began at 11 a.m. and did not end until nearly 1 p.m.

Brig. Gen. Bradley W. May, Fort Jackson commanding general, who led the parade, and the Soldiers — from the 171st Infantry Brigade, 187th Ordnance Battalion and the 282nd Army “Victory” Band — marched the six blocks through downtown Columbia.

Several honored guests attended. U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson and Sen. Lindsey Graham, both of South Carolina, participated in the day's activities, and a special seating area was set up for the recent Honor Flight veterans who will fly to Washington Saturday to see the World War II memorial.

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FIRST RESPONDER



The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

Lt. Col. Ronald F. Taylor

Director, Emergency Services/Provost Marshal

Sgt. Maj. Allen Taylor Jr.

Provost Sergeant Major

Billy Forrester

Fire Chief

front turn signal and a cracked right grille, MPs said.

An illegal alien was arrested and released to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials after trying to enter the installation Oct. 27. A security officer at Gate 2 was suspicious of the man's ID card, which turned out to be fake, MPs said.

A Soldier was cited for driving with a suspended registration Oct. 27 after a traffic stop at Gate 2, MPs said. The Soldier's car was towed off post.

Provost Marshal's Tip of the Week

Family housing fire safety tips:

— Indoors, keep candles away from curtains, decorations and other combustibles that could be ignited.

— Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory.

— Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections. Discard damaged sets. Don't overload extensions cords.

Cases of the Week

An unexploded artillery simulator was removed from Hilton Field Oct. 24. After the game warden reported finding the unexploded ordnance, Military Police set up a perimeter until the Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit removed it and cleared the scene.

An accident in the parking lot of the 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment dining facility Oct. 25 resulted in no injuries and damages of less than \$1,000. The driver of a vehicle backed out of a parking space and a parked car, MPs said. The driver was issued a ticket for improper backing. The car that was hit had a broken right headlight and

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www.midlandscrimestoppers.com

FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The Seventh Sign of Terrorism

7 Deploying assets/getting into position

The seventh and final sign to look for is someone deploying assets or getting into position. This is your last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs. It is also important to remember that pre-incident indicators may come months or even years apart. Therefore, it is extremely important to document every fragment of information, no matter how insignificant it may appear.

CHAPEL

Show perseverance in pursuing God

Chaplain (Capt.) Joshua Gilliam
187th Ordnance Battalion

In 1 Timothy 4, the apostle Paul exhorts his readers with this statement:

“Train yourselves to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”

Soldiers have an amazing ability to push themselves physically. Every morning, I see this quality on display as strong men do push-ups until muscles fail, as small women buddy-carry larger Soldiers long distances, as young warriors run so hard on a PT test that they throw up.

The effort we exert during physical training is truly amazing.

For those reading who have never been in the Army, remember the days of high school basketball? Remember pushing yourself without water for hours at a time? Remember preparing for the big swim meet? How you logged hundreds of hours beating the water? Or perhaps you have run a marathon?

Did you know that the first person who ran 26.2 miles died (that was Pheidippides in the Battle of Marathon, 490 B.C.)? Need I say more?

This phenomenon makes me wonder.
What if we pushed ourselves that hard spiritually?
What if we pursued God with the same tenacity, the same

violence and the same perseverance as we do our physical training?

How much different would our life look? How much different would we be?

In this verse, Paul is affirming that physical training has value. It certainly does.

We need to be strong to serve in the Army. We need to prepare for the rigors of war. But we must not neglect spiritual preparation.

Next time we are pushing ourselves in preparation for an event that happens two months from now (PT test, obstacle course, deployment, etc.), we should be reminded to discipline ourselves for something that happens two billion years from now — eternity.



Protestant

- Sunday
8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel)
8 a.m. Bayonet Chapel (Hispanic)
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel
9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Main Post Chapel)
11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel
11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
11 a.m. Chapel Next Chaplain School
- Wednesday 7 p.m. Gospel Mid-week Service Daniel Circle Chapel

- PROTESTANT BIBLE STUDY**
- Monday
7 p.m. Women's Bible Study (PWOC — Main Post Chapel, Class 209)

- Wednesday
7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel
7 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel
7 p.m. Gospel Congregation's Youth (Daniel Circle Chapel)
- Thursday
9:30 a.m.-noon Women's Bible Study (PWOC, Main Post Chapel)
6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)
7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
- Saturday
8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (Main Post Chapel, (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall))

PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL

- Sunday
5 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (1st & 3rd Sundays)
- Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Main Post Chapel

Catholic

- Monday-Friday
11:30 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- Sunday
8 a.m. Mass (MG Robert B. Solomon Center)
11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
9:30 a.m. Mass (120th AG Battalion Chapel)

- 9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
- Wednesday
7 p.m. Rosary
7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

Lutheran/Episcopalian

- Sunday
8 a.m. Memorial Chapel

Islamic

- Sunday
8-10 a.m. Islamic Studies (Main Post Chapel)
- Friday
12:30-1:45 p.m. Jumah Services (Main Post Chapel)

Jewish

- Sunday
9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel
10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

Church of Christ

- Sunday
11:30 a.m. Anderson Chapel

Latter Day Saints

- Sunday
9:30-11 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

Addresses, phone numbers

- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, Corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-4216
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Avenue, 751-6469
- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-4542
- Family Life Chaplain**
4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Anderson Street Chapel**
2335 Anderson St., Corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- 120th Rec. Bn. Chapel**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Chaplain School**
10100 Lee Road, 751-8050

Veterans Day golf



Photo by Daniel Terrill
1st Lt. Ryan Bowen, Task Force Marshall, attempts a putt for par on the third hole during the 171st Infantry Brigade Veterans Day Golf Scramble at the Fort Jackson Golf Club Friday.

Flag football standings*

Monday/Wednesday League

3-34	6-1
120th	6-2
2-39	5-3
MPs	4-3
TSB	2-5
2-60	0-9

Tuesday/Thursday League

2-13	8-2
DSS	7-3
VSF	6-2
SCNG	4-5
187th	3-7
3-60	0-9

* Standings as of Nov. 6.

Army women win title

Staff Report
Army Athletic Communications

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Senior forward Pia White’s goal 5:15 into the second overtime snapped a scoreless draw and lifted third-seeded Army to a 1-0 edging of top-seeded Navy Sunday afternoon in the finals of the 2008 Patriot League Women’s Soccer Tournament at Glenn Warner Soccer Facility.

It is the second league title for the 12-5-3 Black Knights and first NCAA bid in the history of the program.

White was named to the Patriot League All-Tournament Team along with defender Elizabeth Betterbed, midfielder Sarah Goss and goalkeeper Alex Lostetter. Goss was also tabbed the Tournament MVP.

White’s game-high five shots came in the overtime, firing three in the first overtime period with two going wide and the other saved by league goalkeeper of the year Lizzie Barnes as Army held a 4-0 advantage in that session.

White’s first shot in the second overtime period was blocked and her next, just 13 seconds later, was rejected by Barnes.

Her fifth shot found the mark when she took a pass from freshman Deanna Clegg on the end line and was dribbling toward the goal with the intent of crossing the ball.

Instead her game heroics helped write history when her shot from 6 yards hit the near post and went through Barnes’ legs to lift Army to its second league title since 1993.

The goal was White’s third of the season and second game winner in extending Army’s season as the Black Knights will find out Monday evening who and where they will be playing in the NCAA Regional Tournament.

“I was pretty tired, but coach said this is nothing new for us,” said White following her third career game winner.

“We have had many overtime games throughout the season. To get this game for coach is probably the greatest mo-



Photo courtesy Army Athletic Communications

Players on the Army soccer team hoist up their trophy after winning the 2008 Patriot League Women’s Soccer Tournament Sunday.

ment in my four years at West Point. It is going to be great to be part of going to the NCAA Tournament.”

Army and Navy had four and five shots in the first half, respectively. Though the Black Knights were out-shot, 8-3, in the second half, they had a dangerous chance in the 66th minute when senior Molly Byrnes’ 20-yard bullet was punched off the crossbar by Barnes.

Navy was unable to capitalize late in that period following three corner kicks over a 10-minute span to stretch its advantage to 6-0. Army was awarded its first corner with less than two minutes remaining.

Both teams finished with 14 shots with Army outshooting Navy, 7-1, in the overtime, while the Midshipmen held a 6-1 corner kick advantage.

Lostetter, a second team all-league pick as goalkeeper, finished with three saves in recording her 11th shutout of the season and career 16th.

Her first save came early in the opening half, while making back-to-back

stops within a span of 2:42 midway through the second half. She did not have to make a save in either overtime.

“This is unbelievable — what a dream season it has been,” said retiring Army coach Gene Ventriglia, the lone mentor in the history of the program. “Everyone just stepped up and it has been a good blend with the newcomers and upperclassmen.

“Navy is a terrific team and to beat them in my last game, all I can say is ‘Wow,’ and I will never forget it.

“The difference is that we have played so many 0-0 ties we were ready for it and got strong in the overtime. To go the NAAs was the only thing missing in my resume because we had some great teams in the early years but there was no automatic bid.

“I wanted it so bad and I know the players wanted it for me as well. I didn’t want to talk about it because I didn’t want to put undue pressure on the kids. My team didn’t crack under pressure and I am so proud of them,” added the 2008 coach of the year.

Sports Briefs

Sports Banquet

The Sports Banquet is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Dec. 10 at the MG Robert B. Solomon Center. For more information, call 751-3096.

Volunteer Cheerleading Coaches

Volunteer youth cheerleading coaches are needed. Experience is desired, but not mandatory. Volunteers get the “coaches discount,” when their

children also play sports — 100 percent for the first child; 50 percent for siblings. For more information or to volunteer, call 751-5040.

Youth Basketball, Cheerleading

Registration will be accepted until Monday for youth basketball and cheerleading. The season for both runs December through February. Practices will be once a week for 4-7 year olds and twice a week for 8-18 year olds. Games are played on Saturdays. The fee for basketball is \$40 for the first child and \$36 for siblings and includes a jersey, shorts and a trophy. The fee for cheerleading is \$30 for the first child and \$27 for siblings and includes a skirt, a top and a trophy.

For youth sports,
call 751-5610/5040;
For golf information,
call 787-4437/4344;
For sports information,
call 751-3096.